

I oppose media concentration!

I am writing to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I strongly believe that, to promote its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

Increasing media deregulation and consolidation will severely limit the diversity of viewpoints that is the cornerstone of a democracy. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules intact.

Also, I strongly encourage the Commission to extend the June 2 deadline and hold hearings in all parts of the country, soliciting the widest possible participation from the public. Given the serious impact the rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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